

What is Claimed:

1. A method of sharing database objects comprising:

specifying at least one dimension in a source datastore to link to in a target datastore;

specifying a persistence model for persisting the target datastore; and

specifying a refresh policy for refreshing information in the target datastore.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting at least one group of measures in the source datastore to link to in the target datastore.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the source datastore and the target datastore are analysis databases.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the source datastore and the target datastore are OLAP databases.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the persistence model comprises persisting metadata.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the persistence model comprises persisting data.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the refresh policy comprises refreshing data each time data in the target datastore is queried.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the refresh policy comprises refreshing data whenever a specified time interval has passed.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying a filter.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the filter is used to exclude data from the target datastore.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying a dimension for the target datastore, wherein the specified dimension is not a dimension of the source datastore.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying a group of measures for the target datastore, wherein the group of measures is not a measure group of the source datastore.
13. A system for sharing data comprising:

a target database, the target database comprising at least one dimension linked to a dimension in a source database and at least one measure group linked to a measure group in the source database.
14. The system of claim 13, further comprising a second dimension wherein the second dimension is not a dimension of the source database.
15. The system of claim 13, further comprising a second measure group, wherein the second measure group is not linked to a measure group in the source database.
16. The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying the at least one dimension to be linked to in the target database.
17. The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying the at least one measure group to be linked to in the target database.
18. The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying a refresh policy for determining when data in the target database is refreshed.
19. The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying a persistence model for determining a portion of the target database to be persisted.
20. The system of claim 13, wherein the source database resides on a first computer and the target database resides on a second computer.
21. The system of claim 13, wherein the source database is associated with a first instance of an analysis module and the target database is associated with a second instance of an analysis module.
22. A computer-readable medium comprising computer-executable instructions for:

selecting at least one dimension in a source analysis datastore to link to in a target analysis datastore;

selecting a persistence model for persisting the target analysis datastore;

selecting a refresh policy for refreshing information in the target analysis datastore; and

selecting at least one group of measures in a source analysis datastore to link to in the target analysis datastore.